

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus comprising:

a recording section configured to record
an external input signal;

5 a display signal output section configured to
process at least one of said external input signal and
a reproduction signal of information recorded by said
recording section, and to output a display signal; and

10 a controller configured to control said recording
section to record said external input signal in
response to a predetermined temporary interruption
setting signal supplied while said display signal
output section processes said external input signal to
output said display signal.

15 2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
said controller is configured to control said display
signal output section to output a predetermined pause
signal in response to said temporary interruption
setting signal supplied while said display signal
20 output section processes said external input signal to
output said display signal.

3. The apparatus according to claim 1, further
comprising:

25 an encoder configured to supply a recording signal
obtained by encoding said external input signal into
a predetermined recording format to said recording
section; and

a decoder configured to supply a decoded signal obtained by decoding said reproduction signal of the information recorded by said recording section to said display signal output section.

5 4. The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said controller is configured to control said encoder so as to encode said recording signal and to output an encoded signal as said display signal via said display signal output section, when a temporary
10 interruption state by said temporary interruption setting signal is canceled.

 5. The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said controller is configured to enable fast-forward reproducing of the recorded information by said
15 decoder, when a time difference between a reproducing time of the information recorded by said recording section and the present time indicates a predetermined or more value, and to disable said fast-forward reproducing, when said time difference is smaller than
20 said predetermined value.

 6. The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said display signal output section is configured to mix information of the present time with said display
25 signal, when said encoded signal is outputted as said display signal.

 7. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recording section includes a hard disk drive.

8. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recording section includes an optical disc drive.

9. A method in which a recording section configured to record an external input signal, and
5 a display signal output section configured to output a display signal based on at least one of said external input signal and a reproduction signal from said recording section are used, said method comprising:

receiving said external input signal; and

10 recording said external input signal by said recording section in response to a predetermined temporary interruption state set while said display signal output section outputs said external input signal as said display signal.

15 10. A video recording/reproducing apparatus comprising:

recording means for recording an AV input signal;

display signal output means for processing at
least one of said AV input signal and a reproduction
20 signal of information recorded by said recording means, so as to output a display signal; and

control means for controlling said recording means to record said AV input signal in response to a predetermined temporary interruption setting signal
25 supplied while said display signal output means processes said AV input signal to output said display signal.

11. The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein
said control means controls said display signal output
means to output a predetermined pause signal in
response to said temporary interruption setting signal
5 supplied while said display signal output means
processes said AV input signal to output said display
signal.

12. The apparatus according to claim 10, further
comprising:
10 encoding means for supplying a recording signal
obtained by encoding said AV input signal into a
predetermined recording format to said recording means;
and

decoding means for supplying a decoded signal
15 obtained by decoding said reproduction signal of the
information recorded by said recording means to said
display signal output means.

13. The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein
said control means controls said encoding means to
20 encode said recording signal and to output an encoded
signal as said display signal via said display signal
output means, when a temporary interruption state by
said temporary interruption setting signal is canceled.

14. The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein
25 said control means enables fast-forward reproducing of
the recorded information by said decoding means, when
a time difference between a reproducing time of the

information recorded by said recording means and the present time indicates a predetermined or more value, and disables said fast-forward reproducing, when said time difference is smaller than said predetermined value.

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15. The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said display signal output means mixes information of the present time with said display signal, when said encoded signal is outputted as said display signal.

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16. The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said recording means includes a hard disk drive.

17. The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said recording means includes an optical disc drive.

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